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Off-campus experiences enrich

Sarah Christopherson

Guest Writer

The excitement grew as Elder looked at the two new brick walls to his kitchen.

"Muy bien," he said to the group of 15 Wartburg students and faculty who understood little Spanish, but knew he was very pleased with the work.

Elder's two-room house, located in the mountains of a Honduran village called Mercedes, was damaged in the January earthquake in nearby El Salvador.

The new walls for the kitchen were the result of a week's worth of work by the Wartburg group and Elder's family, together digging trenches for the foundation, moving rock, hauling sand, mixing cement, laying brick and overcoming a language barrier to form new friendships.

"It was great that we were working with the people of Mercedes to improve their lives," said senior Drew Baker. "I felt bad that we couldn't do more for them."

"Even if the work is only for one week, it still gives us much hope," Elder told the group with the help of a translator.

The house was one of three projects the class worked on while studying the influence of the church in Latin America. The class, led by professor of religion Dr. Fred Strickert, worked with the Christian Commission for Development (CCD), an ecumenical organization that works with the people of Honduras towards community development.

"Working with the people was awesome," said junior Jennifer Strasser. "Getting down and dirty with people whose lives are completely different than ours was amazing."

"It was neat to work in solidarity with the people," junior Katie McCrindle said. "They are having ownership in their own project."

CCD and the municipality of Mercedes have formed a partnership in an effort to improve the community. This partnership targets organization, infrastructure, agriculture, gender, health, credit and pastoral-theological aspects of community development.

"The work ethic of the people is so different from ours. They realize there is more to life than a two-story home.



Sarah Christopherson/FORTRESS
LAYING A FOUNDATION—Dr. Fred Strickert and sophomore Victoria Salmon lay stones to build a foundation.

They give in different ways than we are used to," Strasser said.

The class spent eight days living and working in Mercedes. Each afternoon the group saw a different aspect of life in the community while visiting schools, coffee farms, women's groups and municipal governments.

"Living amongst them in their community was a great experience," McCrindle said.

Sarah Braun

News Editor

Since 1991, Revs. Nelson and Bonita Bock have directed the Wartburg West program in Denver, Colo. The Wartburg West program gives students the opportunity to complete internships in a variety of majors as well as attend classes.

This term, nine students made the trip to Denver to live and work. Five students participated in the Urban Ministry program. The program consists of working throughout the city with different service organizations.

Sophomore Susan Thomsen said her favorite activity, so far, was working at Shelter on the Hill where they helped with a spaghetti dinner.

"The people we worked with were so fun and the atmosphere was so friendly. We are hoping to go back again," Thomsen said.

"It has been an incredible experience so far," said freshman Kirsten Bjork. "The things I have learned will stay with me my entire life. I came from a city, so I thought I knew a lot about poverty, but I realized there is so much more to learn."

"I've learned a lot about the better way to be a leader. It is better to help people by teaching them to help themselves," said freshman Alison Ondracek. "Empowerment and increasing self-worth have been major themes during May Term."

Overall, Bjork said that the one most important things she learned was to never make assumptions about anyone.

"I learned a lot about perception and that you should never assume anything about anyone. You have to be willing to search for the deeper meaning to understand people," said Bjork.

The remaining students spent their time in Denver completing field experiences or internships.

Despite all the work, students have found time to explore the city and the mountains.

"My favorite things so far have been driving to the mountains. Pikes Peak and Garden of the Gods were very cool," said freshman Liz Heuer.

Any students who are interested in the Wartburg West program are urged to contact Nelson or Bonita Bock. Students can come to Denver for Fall Term, Winter Term, May Term, or even during the summers to take a class or complete an internship.

How much is too much?

No one would argue that drinking can be an issue on college campuses across the United States. Just recently, the University of Wisconsin system has enacted tougher alcohol policies as a result of a alcohol related death. Recent years have also brought changes here at Wartburg.

Yet drinking in excess still happens. There is no line drawn on this issue, as people from all parts of the Wartburg community can drink to excess. Photos, including the one printed below, were taken May 6 around 2 a.m. by members of the student body. RHD Dana Barnard is pictured below outside of the Complex. Witnesses report Barnard was intoxicated at the time the photo was taken. Barnard is a faculty co-sponsor of AWARE, the campus alcohol awareness and education organization. Barnard could not be reached for comment.

Photo Submitted



Graduation plans await seniors

Faruk Turaev

Staff Writer

Four years of classes, tests and the stress of college life will be brought to a close this weekend as graduating seniors and their families and friends participate in graduation activities.

The graduation ceremony will be held on the Campus Mall in front of Old Main at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, May 20. In case of inclement weather, the commencement activities will be held in Knights Gym.

The graduation ceremony will be smaller compared to last year. About 327 graduates received their diplomas last year while 307 will do so this year.

Of the 307 seniors, 20 will march in the ceremony and get their diplomas late in August after completing final course work over the summer.

Fourteen international students representing Ghana, Tanzania, Sweden, Nepal, Uzbekistan and

Palestine will also participate as graduates of college. According to Edith Waldstein, associate vice president for academic affairs and associate dean of the faculty, the number of international student graduates is larger than usual this year.

Additionally, the students with the 40 highest GPA's will be wearing Dean's Honor Chords.

Senior Angela Peters has been selected as the student speaker for the event.

Two college alumni will receive honorary doctorate degrees during the ceremony. Kent L. Henning, a 1980 graduate and current president of Grand View College in Des

Moines, will be awarded Doctor of Humane Letters. The Rev. Dr. Alton Zenker will receive Honorary Doctor of Divinity. Zenker served as bishop of the Central/Southern Illinois Synod in Springfield, Ill. from 1994 until his retirement in 2000.

Other highlights of the weekend include the second senior art exhibit in the Schmidt Gallery in the lobby of the Fine Arts Center and senior recital in the Chapel Saturday, May 19 at 2 p.m. At 5 p.m., there will be a service of thanksgiving and blessing followed by a band concert at 7 p.m. on the South Campus Mall.

Sunday Schedule

8:30 a.m. Breakfast for Seniors

10 a.m. Baccalaureate in Neumann Auditorium

1:30 p.m. Commencement. Reception to follow

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Learning to fish for a lifetime

Another year in the long history of Wartburg has come and gone. Students, staff and faculty have all left their mark. But what of Wartburg? What will this place give to those who have walked through this place?

There is an old adage that talks about a hungry man. One can give a hungry man a fish or teach that man how to fish; help him for a day or for a lifetime.

Which has Wartburg done?

Many will graduate this coming weekend and leave this campus. Yet many more will leave who have not graduated.

Faculty, staff and students will be departing from here. While some have very valid reasons for leaving such as retirement or cost of attendance, what of the rest?

Perhaps Wartburg has forgotten that a fish lasts only a day but the ability to fish and sustain oneself lasts a lifetime.

Maybe nothing was "done" to motivate many to leave, but what wasn't done? What is not being done that entices people to stay here?

Prior to the multiple building and renovation plans, the admissions office would tell recruits that it is not the facilities that bring good people here. Rather, it was the people, the education and the life skills that brought and kept people here. In essence, who we are, not what we have, used to be the message of this place.

Now the focus is on the literal bricks and mortar have become like the fish that sustain momentarily. Meanwhile, that which once was the ever-present foundation of this place, the lasting sustenance of who we are and the skills gained within the brick walls, has begun to wash away.

Facilities are without a doubt important, yet they become worn

and dated time and time again while the sense of self, purpose and the means to carry out that purpose are renewed daily in the lives of alumni.

For those who are leaving as graduating seniors, it is probable that their diploma, a small, expensive fish from a private pond with a good reputation for quality fishing, will get them a top entry level position in whatever field they have chosen.

Yet, will they have the skills needed to maintain their position and hopefully advance in this rat race of a civilized world?

Every senior reading this is probably hoping to God, whether Lutheran, Catholic or otherwise, that they are now educated fishers and not just awaiting a single fish on Sunday.

What of the classes to follow? Will they leave here with a momentary holding or a life skill?

Perhaps the construction plans need to be put in perspective, not a new perspective, but an old one. Everyone wants new things, better things (the track team would simply like something, so perhaps those plans should keep rolling).

The best and the brightest cannot be taught by new buildings, just in them. Moreover, the best and the brightest cannot teach new buildings, just in them.

A building will crumble just as fish will decay or be consumed. A community, on the other hand, will grow and refine itself.

Wartburg must remember that it is who we are and not what we own or build that will bring and keep people here so they can be guided into the world, not just flung into it.

Wartburg must leave its mark on the students, not on the ground broken for buildings or the stone cut for them.

Some last editorial rantings thoughts

Elaina Meier

With only a few column inches left to fill, I want to be totally open and honest about my ~~headaches~~ experiences at Wartburg.

First, let me state that I ~~have a complete dislike for rural America~~ have learned from my small town experience. I ~~won't miss a thing~~ will think of Wartburg often while in Wisconsin playing amateur hockey.

Additionally, Wartburg has ~~no clue what diversity is~~ shown me what it means to be diverse.

While at Wartburg, I feel that I ~~paid through the nose~~ invested in a quality educational experience. Tuition ~~likes~~ increases have ~~pitted students against Luther Hall~~ made us all appreciate the value of an education.

Meanwhile, quality educators are ~~left out in the cold~~ honored and retained for their skills.

Athletic teams are given the full support of the institution ~~only if they make a profit~~ and treated equally.

I am ~~tired of Wednesday night hypocrisy~~ grateful for the religious Wednesday nights.

I also learned that it is ~~totally acceptable to be intoxicated in public~~ drinking is not always good.

Wartburg ~~has marked me for life~~ made me a changed person.

Ok, all sarcasm aside, my two years at Wartburg have provided me with many valuable learning opportunities.

It is my hope that everyone who has picked up the editorial page this year has been challenged to think critically and maybe even enjoyed some this.

And finally, Dr. Lindell...I am sorry I tried to demote you...I guess that is what happens when you give students power.



The FINAL column (at least in this paper)

Chris Thomas

This is the day that I have been dreading since I started writing for the Trumpet three years ago. Ladies and gentlemen, this is my last column.

So since I am down to my last 500 words or so, what I am going to say? After all, this is the big one. The column to beat

all columns. The final words of the retiring writer (retiring only from this paper, be on the look out for me elsewhere).

I thought about writing about the cafeteria one last time, but decided that was too easy. I contemplated speaking with you about the ROTC or the Controller's Office, but everyone knows where I stand on those issues. I even debated if I should just write about nothing at all. Sort of the "ramblings of a mad man," to close things out. However, I choose none of these topics. Instead, I am writing about life.

As a member of the class of 2001, I have been thinking about life a lot recently. By life, I mean



I have been thinking, "what the heck am I going to do with mine?" I have a funny feeling that I am not the only senior (or junior, sophomore or freshman) thinking about this either. Now that college is over, what do I do? Where do I go from here?

I've applied for jobs. I applied to graduate school. I even thought about moving to Mexico and getting a job serving drinks on a beach. I thought maybe I should take a year off and find myself. But then I realized that finding yourself is not a valid reason to defer your loan payments.

When it is all said and done however, come Sunday I am finished. Whether or not I have a job, a place to live, or if I have found myself, I am done at Wartburg College. Come next fall I will not be moving back into Swensen House (and for the last time people, Swensen is spelled with two E's). I will not return to the airwaves of KWAR and what is going to be the toughest reality, I will not be hanging out with all of my friends I have made during the past four years.

For the most part, we are all going separate ways. Sure, some of us might end up in the same city or area, but it won't be the same. We will have jobs, responsibilities, and bills to pay. We will have lives.

It doesn't seem like it was that long ago that

I remember saying, "I can't wait to grow up." Now that it is here, I wish I could wait. When you are 13 and full of teen angst, growing-up sounds like a great idea. When you are 22 and graduating college, the thought of being 13 again sounds like an excellent idea.

As my column career at the Trumpet comes to a close, I must thank my former editors, Sara, Steph, Sarah and Elaina. Thanks for putting up with my lack of understanding about what a deadline is. And most importantly, thanks to you, my readers. Whether or not you agree with what I have said or disagreed, either way, thanks for picking up the paper. Without you (Sappy alert! Sappy Alert!)...sniff...none of this...sniff...would have been possible.

So here we are, the final words from me to you. What are they going to be? Will they be profound? Enlightening? Maybe even religious? Nope. I just have some simple advice from me to you. Whatever you decide to do with your life, remember the only person responsible for you is you. If you want to get drunk and pass out on your lawn that's fine. But remember, someone may have a camera. Whatever you do, think before you act and be ready to face the consequences or reap the rewards. Basically, just live life to the fullest.

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SPORTS

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Softball tops IIAC

Elaina Meier

Editor-in-Chief

Wartburg College Softball added its name to the long list of champions to compete in orange and black. The Knights finished the year with a 16-3-1 conference record and a 36-9-1 record, their first ever IIAC title and an NCAA Division III Midwest Regional appearance.

The women fell just shy of their first birth to the College World Series on Sunday, as they finished regional action with a 2-2 mark on the weekend.

Both losses came at the hands of defending national champions and top-ranked St. Mary's.

The Knights needed to win their 1 p.m. Sunday competition and force a double header with the Cardinals. The women fell just short, losing 0-1.

Freshman pitcher Kelly Foley pitched a complete game and held the Cardinals to just one run on nine hits. Folly finished the season 11-2.

Amiee Havel, a senior outfielder, attempted to fuel the Knights offense with two hits in the game.

The Knights appears to be mounting a last inning come back, as they had runners on second and third

with two out in the seventh.

Cardinal reliever Jill Hocking was able to silence the Knights come-back efforts, pitching an inning and a third while allowing two hits but no runs scored.

The Knights split their games on Saturday to reach the final round the of the regional. A 4-0 decision over St. Thomas was sparked by a four run fourth inning. Freshman first baseman Carrie Clement provided the final two runs of the inning with a triple that rolled to the fence.

The Knights got a preview of their final round competition in game two against St. Mary's. Wartburg fell 3-8 in the match that featured heavy hitting from the Cardinals, including two two-run home runs in the second inning.

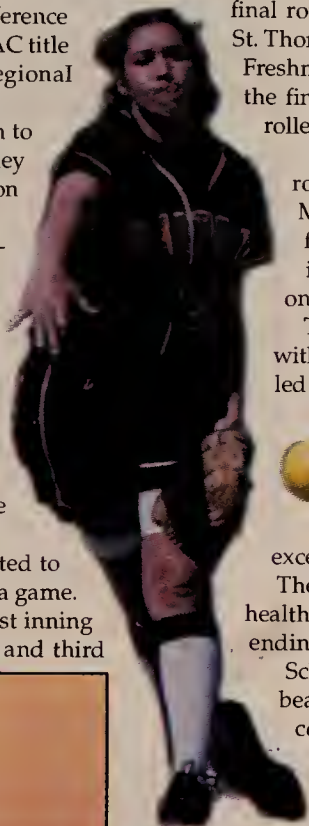
The Knights opened the regional play at home with a 4-0 victory over Marion. The Knights were led by Stephanie Rasmussen, who had a five-hit shut out.

Coach Randy Schneider was excited by the teams accomplishments this season and looks forward to next season.

The Knights will return every one except Havel, the team's only senior.

The team also expects to have Kathy Voss healthy and back in competition after a season ending blood clot limited her play this spring.

Schneider stated that the team won't miss a beat during the transition into next season's competition and is excited to continue working with the young team.



Mark Adkins/Communications & Marketing

THROWING A STRIKE—Freshman Kelly Foley, 11-2 on the season, was part of a youthful 2001 softball pro-

Women take title

The women's track team brought home their second straight conference title with the help of six event titles and two meet records.

Wartburg's men, led by senior men's Most Valuable Performer Miradieu Joseph, placed second, just 16 points behind meet champion Central.

Junior sprinter Brianne Schoonover set a new meet and school record in the open 400, flying to the tape in a time of 56.12 seconds. She was also on the 1,600 meter relay team that set new conference meet and school records with a 3:55.57 clocking.

Junior distance runner Erin VanZee swept the 800 and 1,500 meter titles Saturday with times of 2:17.37 (800) and 4:40.03 (1,500). The 400 meter relay team was just a thousandth-second off the conference meet record of 48.04 seconds, winning in 48.05. Head coach Marcus Newsom earned his second straight women's conference Coach of the Year honor following the meet.

Joseph won three titles for the Wartburg. He set a meet record of 47.86 seconds to win the open 400 and won the 200 meter dash and the 110 meter high hurdles.

Tom Zirbel won his second straight 10,000 and 5,000 meter titles. Adam Sundall placed second in the 5,000. Sophomore Joe Hughes won the 3,000 meter steeplechase with a time of 9:33.07.

Wartburg is scheduled to compete in two last chance qualifying meets for the 2001 NCAA Division III Outdoor Track and Field Championships. The Knights will perform at UW-LaCrosse Wednesday, May 16 and Augustana (Ill.) Friday, May 18.

Season Roundups

Golfers finish fourth

Josh Smothers

Senior Reporter

Completing its seemingly shortened season at the 2001 Iowa Conference Men's Golf Championships April 28 in Waverly, the Wartburg men's golf team claimed fourth place, lead by all-conference performances by junior Mark Nemmers and freshman Danny Schmitz. Nemmers and Schmitz were the most all-conference men's golfers in one season for the Knights' program since 1991.

The Knights ended up with a 1214 total, good for a second straight season finishing fourth. Loras overtook Wartburg for third, firing a 290 on the final day.

Nemmers and Schmitz concluded the four-round tournament tied with senior leader Josh Black for 10th place. Black was then eliminated from the playoff on the first hole. Nemmers managed to place 10th, defeating Schmitz on the third playoff hole. Nemmers, Schmitz, and Blake all shot a 302. Seniors Ben Thompson and Matt Anfinson shot 309 and 312, respectively.

Central won it's 23rd team title by 36 strokes over runner-up Coe. The Dutch's Roger Dortch earned Most Valuable Golfer honors, while Central coach Charlie Estabrook was name conference Coach of the Year for his second time.

Tennis team wraps up season

Josh Smothers

Senior Reporter

The Wartburg men's tennis team defeated Loras 4-3 to finish in seventh place at the Iowa Conference Men's Tennis Team Duals April 27-28 in Cedar Rapids.

The Knights concluded their season with a 4-10 record.

Wartburg split the first day of action, sweeping the University of Dubuque 6-0 and were then swept by Central 5-0.

The following weekend the Knights traveled to Cedar Rapids for the Iowa Conference Individual Championships. Schauf advanced to the quarterfinals with a bye and a 7-5, 6-3 win over Luther's Moid Alwy. Schauf was then knocked out of tournament play, losing to Loras' Adam Atkins 6-1, 7-5.

The doubles team of Fedderson and Rahim was defeated 8-5 in a quarterfinals thriller by Cornell's Austin Reed and Scott Toliver.

Baseball takes title

Lance Ridpath

Senior Reporter

Good things come to those who wait. During this past weekend's Iowa Conference Tournament that's exactly what Wartburg players and fans did. Rain delays Thursday and Friday pushed game times back four hours but, failed to stop the Knights from putting together three days of tenacious baseball.

Wartburg kicked things off Thursday with a showdown against rival Simpson. The Knights got on the board first when they tacked on four runs in the bottom of the second. The Storm crept their way back into the game by spreading out seven runs over the next four innings.

After playing to a 7-7 stalemate, the game soared into extra innings. Things didn't heat up until the bottom of the twelfth. Junior outfielder Jason Uhlenhake drew a pinch hit, bases loaded walk that drove sophomore shortstop Jay Whannel across the plate for the winning run.

In the afternoon game against Cornell, sophomore Chris Goerdt controlled the Rams' offense. The southpaw pitched seven innings of shutout ball, never allowing a Cornell runner to make it past second base.

Wartburg was held scoreless until the bottom of the fourth when senior catcher Matt Thede cranked a leadoff home run over the right field fence. Wartburg tacked on a couple more runs before the end of the fourth and notched four more on in the sixth. Thede finished the game going three for four with two singles and a home run.

The contest later on that evening was a barn burner. Two innings into the game, the Knights found themselves facing a 9-0 deficit against Coe. Wartburg slowly clawed their way back into the game by scoring three in the bottom of the third

and adding two more in the fourth.

Things heated up in the sixth inning when Thede doubled in two runs. After following an RBI single by Bantz, senior DH B.J. Meaney smacked a three run homer to dead center that let the Knights take an 11-9 lead. Senior reliever Paul Koenig closed out the game forcing the Kohawks' first baseman to ground into a double play. The game ended shortly after 1 a.m.

Saturday's championship contest paired Wartburg against second-seeded Upper Iowa. Sophomore pitcher Patrick Smith took the mound. After three scoreless innings by both teams, the Knights tacked on two runs in the fourth inning. In the fifth, senior B.J. Meaney added to an already impressive showing during the tournament by hitting a monster shot to right center, allowing Wartburg to take a 8-0 lead.

The Peacocks rallied for four runs in the top of the sixth, but would come no closer. The tourney title capped off a tremendous regular season that saw the Knights win there fifth consecutive IIAC Championship.

"It feels great," said head coach Joel Holst who has lead his squad to an undefeated record in IIAC Tournament play. "These are great kids who compete well under pressure."

The team will play in the NCAA Regional Tournament at a site to be announced early this week. A championship here would take Wartburg to their second Division III College World Series in as many seasons.

"I think we can do it," said Smith, who earned his sixth win of the season against UIU. "We have a great pitching staff. These are a great bunch of guys to work with."

Last season was the first trip to the Series in school history.

"This is a different group from last year, but I still think we can do it," added Holst. "There are a lot of positives [on this year's team.]"